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IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)  
DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON  
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Mary Sinnott et al.  
Serial No.: 10/184,703  
Filed: 06/28/2002  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING SOFT  
TISSUE TO BONE  
Group Art Unit: 3732  
Examiner: David A. Bonderer  
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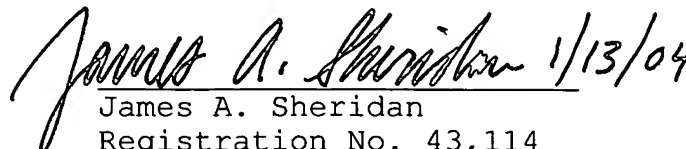
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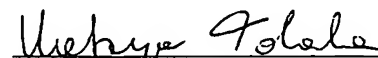
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I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 10/184,703, filed 06/28/2002 by Mary Sinnott et al. for SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING SOFT TISSUE TO BONE, and that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 10/184,703 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 10/184,703 introduced new matter therein.

  
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Sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 2004.

  
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